



The above charts show the STAR project gains in Writing Development and Language Conventions as shown in writing sample score results. STAR "mastery" was set by the project at "4" of a possible 6 points on the Writing Development ISTEP+ rubric and "3" of a possible 4 on the Language Conventions rubric.

The charts above compare the very first sample taken in September 2001 with the last sample of the project taken in April 2004. Grade levels indicate the 2003/2004 grade level of participating students.

As might be expected, the greatest gains were attained by those engaged in the project for three full years, particularly in Writing Development skills. Percentage point gains for each grade level are summarized in the table below.

	WD	LC	Notes
Grade 3	7	24 points gained	These students engaged in STAR for 1 year only
Grade 4	15	34 points gained	Most of these students were in the project for 2 years
Grade 5	27	33 points gained	Most of these students were in the project for 3 years
Grade 6	19	20 points gained	Half of these students were in the project for 1 year only, half for 3 years
Grade 7	39	32 points gained	Half of these students were in the project for 2 years, half for 3 years.
Grade 8	39	26 points gained	Most of these students were in the project for 3 years